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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 9th-June, through Sunday, 16th-June there were 203 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3D2/c, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2E, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, YB, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3Y0Z BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release on QRZ.com, dated June 11th, by Bob, K4UEE). The deadline for requesting a partial 48% refund of your financial contribution to 3YØZ has now passed (March 15, 2019).

A large number of you reponded favorably to the refund option and either requested a refund, donated their refund to either the 3Y0Z team, NCDXF, INDEXA or GDXF (German DX Fndn.) The process was orderly and I thank you for your cooperation. These were very unusual circumstances.

Any plans for the 3Y0Z team to attempt a return to Bouvet are currently "on hold" as we want the Rebel DX Group to be free to complete their efforts to activate Bouvet. We wish them good luck and a safe, successful mission.

Vy 73, Bob-K4UEE, 3Y0Z Co-leader and Chief Financial Officer

3D2CR CONWAY REEF DXPEDITION NEWS (Rebel DX Group Update). The Rebel DX Group went QRT as 3D2CR from Conway Reef on June 9th, due to weather concerns. ClugLog reports that they made 33808 QSOs with 7734 Unique Call-signs. Breakdown by modes are: 7708/CW, 3444/SSB and 22656/FT8. Breakdown by continents are: 133/AF, 13601/AS, 4999/EU, 13175/NA, 1450/OC and 450/SA. Operators Dom/3Z9DX and Tack/JE1CKA left the island around 0000z, June 10th, and have safely returned to Fiji. The following updates have been posted on the Rebel DX Group's Web page (https://www.rebeldxgroup.com)

as June 13th:
June 13th -- https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/3d2cr-log-qsl-policy/
June 12th -- https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/wheres-my-contact
June 11th -- https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/fiji-in-sight
June 11th -- https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/3d2cr-update-0315z-11-june
June 10th -- https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/sailing-the-rebel-catamaran
June 10th -- https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/3d2cr-conway-reef-qrt
June 9th -- https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/3d2cr-weather-concern

According to the Rebel's QSL Policy, all Rebel DXpeditions are via the ClubLog's OQRS for the specific DXpedition callsign. Please DO NOT send cards direct to any Rebel Team members, and also DO NOT send via the Bureau as they are not members. They will not be answered even if somehow received two years from now. The ClubLog's OQRS is the only path to receive a QSL confirmation from the Rebel DX Group. The above infos are excerpts from: https://www.rebeldxgroup.com/qsl-online-log-info
LoTW QSOs will be confirmed only after ClubLog's OQRS are answered. There have been some reports that sponsors have received their LoTW contacts. You may also want to read Dom's comments on eham.net about the Rebel's QSL Policy at:
https://www.eham.net/ehamforum/smf/index.php/topic,125180.msg1131122.html#msg1131122
Per the Rebel DX Group Web page, their catamaran will need some maintenance and repairs after docking in Fiji. They mention the early expectations are for their next leg of this Pacific Tour and landing will be Banaba Island as T33T in a month or so. The Rebel DX Group also mentions on ClubLog, "Any donations received from OQRS will be used to purchase fuel for our 2nd attempt at Bouvet this November. Expected fuel costs will be over $100,000.00 USDs, again."
It is recommended to watch both the 3D2CR (Conway Reef) and T33T (Banaba Island) on the QRZ.com Web pages and the Rebel DX Group's Web and FaceBook pages for updates: https://www.rebeldxgroup.com
https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup
Also, keep an eye on 3Z9DX tracker at:
https://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0tARRAqk3ftzEN8piDb2UOWqGrnOX349o

60 METERS NEWS. It has been reported that the Kuwaiti Telecom Regulator (CITRA), has made available, on a new secondary basis, the Amateur Radio allocation of 5351.5—5366.5 kHz to Kuwaiti radio amateurs. The Kuwaiti allocation falls under ITU Footnote 5.133B, which, in the case of Kuwait, means a maximum power of 15 watts EIRP. The first Kuwaiti ham on the new band was Muhammad, 9K2NO, operating FT8.

8P, BARBADOS. Charles, 8P6ET, will be active this year as 8P1W during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via KU9C.

E4, PALESTINE (Update). Janusz, SP9FIH, will once again (for the 4th time) be active as E44WE from Bethlehem (KM71OQ) between July 6th and August 6th. Activity this time will be on 80/30/20/6 meters using SSB, some RTTY and possibly FT8 (F/H). QSL via his home callsign or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: http://www.e4.dxpeditions.org

EUROPE TOUR (3A, HB0, Z6). Mome, Z32ZM, informs OPDX that after the Messe Friedrichshafen 44th International Amateur Radio Exhibition (June 21-23rd), he plans to be active as HB0/Z32ZM from Liechtenstein (between June 23-26th), 3A/Z32ZM from Monaco (between June 27-29th) and Z68MA from Kosovo (between July 1-30th, with a possible extension into August if 6 meter conditions are good). He states, "Any support from the International DX Comunity is welcome." QSL via ClubLog's OQRS is recommended! Look for additional information to be available soon on:
https://www.qrz.com/db/Z32ZM

FH, MAYOTTE ISLANDS. Willi, DJ7RJ, will once again be active as FH/DJ7RJ from Mayotte between October 15th and November 3rd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters with a focus on the lower bands using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. NO LoTW or ClubLog.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Thomas, F4HPX, will be active as FK/F4HPX from Noumea, New Caledonia (OC-032), sometime during the first half of November. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using a FT-891 and

KX2 into a simple wire antenna plus an Alpha EZ Military stick. He also plans to be active for a few days from Pins Island. QSL via F4HPX, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog, LoTW or eQSL.

IOTA NEWS.....

EU-042. Mike, DG5LAC, will once again be active as DG5LAC/P from Hooge Island (WWFF DLFF-013 Wadden Sea) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single-Op/Mode-SSB/12-Hrs/DXpedition/High-Power entry. QSL via DG5LAC, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS, LoTW, eQSL or ClubLog's OQRS.

NA-004. Rick, K6VVA, will be active as K6VVA/KL7 from Endicott Island between 2200 UTC, July 15th, until 1800 UTC, July 18th. Activity will be on 40/30/20 meters using CW with some SSB. Log is usually uploaded to ClubLog. However, no direct or Bureau QSL cards will be available. It is best to read Rick's "IOTA QSL Policy" at: http://www.k6vva.com/iota/k6vvaiotaqslpolicy.html
For more details and updates, watch:
http://www.k6vva.com/iota/na-004

OC-059. (Reminder) Haru, JA1XGI, will be active as V6K (it is official) from Kosrae Island between June 17-24th. Activity will be holiday style on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using mainly CW and the Digital modes (RTTY and FT8). Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 7025, 10115, 14040, 18074, 21040, 24895 and 28040 kHz
RTTY - 7035, 10140, 14080, 18090, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz
FT8(N) - 7074, 10136, 14074, 18100, 21074, 24910 and 28074 kHz
FT8(F/H) - 7051, 10131, 14090, 18102, 21090, 24915 and 28090 kHz
* Frequency on the above will change by band condition

His equipment will be an Icom IC7300 with a DXV600L(Tiny PA) into two vertical antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW (available after 3 month). For more details and updates, watch: http://v6k.client.jp

SA-100. Operators CA1DBD, CA1FCS, CE1DN, CE3WW, I2YDX, IT9YRE, K9AJ, XQ1CR and XQ1FM will be active as 3G1DX from Pajaros Rocks for 3 days sometime around October 18-23rd. This will depend on the swells around the island. They plan to work hard during the day hours, but they are not sure during the evening hours due to the high tides. Activity will be mainly SSB and CW, using two stations. QSL via XQ4CW.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new (www.iota-world.org) have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

IS0, SARDINIA. Richard, OK8WW/OM2TW, will once again be active as IS0/OM2TW from Sardinia Island (EU-024) between July 21st and August 3rd. This will be a holiday DXpedition with XYL and kids. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY (possibly other Digital modes). Antennas will be dipoles, verticals on the low bands and a Spiderbeam on high bands including a 1kW SSPA. He will also be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mix-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via OM2FY.

JD1, OGASAWARA. Operators Shew/JA2GQT (JD1BPK), JA2KGT (JD1BPL) and Kazunari/JA2MET (JD1BMG) will be active from Ogasawara between June 15-23rd. Activity will be on the following frequencies and modes:

CW : 7005 (DX), 7013 (JA), 10110 and 14035 kHz
SSB: 7095-7115 (JA), 7138 (DX) and 14195 kHz
6m : 50115 kHz (Op JD1BMG)
FT8: Op JD1BMG; freq. not provided

QSL JD1BPK via JA2GQT. QSL JD1BPL via JA2KGT. QSL JD1BMG via JA2MET by the Bureau only.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

P4, ARUBA. Lin, N4YCI, is now active as P40CI from Aruba (SA-036) until June 12th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-6 meters using mainly FT8, SSB and some CW. He states, "FT8 normal ops and DXP mode if Qs warrant; will try DX mode on 14080 kHz." QSL is only via LoTW, eQSL, ClubLog and QRZ.com. NO paper QSL cards will be printed.

PJ5, ST. EUSTATIUS ISLAND (Reminder). David, W9DR, will be active as PJ5/W9DR from Sint Eustatius Island (NA-145, WW Loc. FK87ml) between June 25th and July 2nd. Activity will be on 6 meters only using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via W9DR direct.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 17-23rd).....

Jun/17th AN	Jun/20th AN	Jun/22nd AN
Jun/18th AN	Jun/21st AN	Jun/23rd AN
Jun/19th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:
* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Realtime propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

No QSL-Infos this week by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu). Info will return next week....

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/3D2CR

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2CR, 5R8UM, EA8PP, IK2TTJ, JW7QIA, LX/GM0OBX and T31EU

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3D2AG, 3G0ZC, 4E8T (OC-174), 5B4AMX, 5T2KW, CE8EIO, N7TNT (NA-065), PY0F, RI0B (AS-054), T2AR, TO19A, VA7XW/VE1 (NA-127), VE3LYC/KL7, VE7ACN/CK9 (NA-014), VE7ACN/VE1 (NA-081), VP9GE, XR0ZR and XV9JK (AS-157)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE IARU BUREAU: NO QSLS REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) to send in their info....

R3, EUROPEAN/ASIATIC RUSSIA. Radio Amateurs from European and Asiatic Russia will be active as R3ARS/4 from specially protected natural areas in the Orenburg and Samara regions between June 24-29th. The planned sites are:
* State Natural Reserve "Orenburgsky" (RFF-0067)
* National Park "Buzuluksky Bor" (RFF-0171)
* National Park "Samarskaya Luka" (RFF-0140)
* State Natural Biosphere Reserve "Zhiguli" (RFF-0037)

Look for operators Sergey/RU9SO, Valery/UA3DUV, Alexey/RA3AKF, Vladimir/UA9SIV, Boris/RW9TP, Vyacheslav/R9SD, Jakob/RC8SC and Sergey/R9SN to be active on 80-10 meters using SSB, CW and the Digital modes. QSL via RA3AKF.

T33, BANABA ISLAND. Members of Rebel DX Group are expected to activate Banaba Island (OC-018) sometime within a month or so. It is recommended to watch the T33T (Banaba Island) on the QRZ.com Web pages, the Rebel DX Groups Web and FaceBook pages for updates:
https://www.rebeldxgroup.com
https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup
Also, keep an eye on 3Z9DX tracker at:
https://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0tARRAqk3ftzEN8piDb2UOWqGrnOX349o

T6, AFGHANISTAN. Robert, S53R, will once again be in Kabul starting June 24th, and will be there for two years working with the UN World Food Program. Activity will be limited to his free time, but he plans to be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. His callsign is not known at this time, but he was active in 2002 from Afghanistan as YA5T. Since then, the prefix YA was abandoned in 2005.

T8, PALAU. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, will once again be active as T88PB from the VIP-Guest Hotel in Koror City, Palau, between June 15-23rd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW and 6m FT8, but with a focus on the All Asia DX Contest (June 15-16th). His equipment is an IC-7300 w/TL933 amp (about 500w) into a 3 element Yagi and DP antennas. QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to his home callsign. For more details and updates, see his Web page at: http://pandasan.jimdo.com

XU, CAMBODIA. Chenxing, BG9XD, is now active as XU7AMG from Phnom Penh until June 19th. He was active during this past weekend's All Asia DX CW Contest (June 15-16th), but will be active outside of the contest on CW and FT8. QSL via BG9XD.

XW, LAOS. Bruce, 3W3B (HS0ZCY/XU7ADF/XW1B/AA4XR), who lives in Da Nang, will once again be active as XW4XR from Vientiane between June 26th and July 7th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters (60m included) using CW, RTTY, JT65 and FT8. QSL via E21EIC and LoTW.

ZB, GIBRALTAR (Special Event). Members of the Gibraltar Amateur Radio Society (GARS) will activate ZB2IG19 between July 1-31st. Activation is to celebrate the XVIII International Island Games which is being held in Gibraltar between July 6-12th. Activity will be on various HF bands, 6 meters, and using CW, SSB, FT8, and FM on the satellites.

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